

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTIES OF ARANSAS §
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CITY OF ARANSAS PASS §

On this the 20th day of July, 2009 the City Council of the City of Aransas Pass convened in a Regular Council Meeting being open to the Public at the regular meeting place thereof in the City Hall and notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject hereof having been posted and prescribed by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code with the following attendance to wit constituting a quorum.

PRESENT: Tommy Knight, Mayor
Jay Attaway, Mayor Pro Tempore
Vickie Abrego, Council Member
Phillip Hyatt, Council Member
Karen Mayer, Council Member

ABSENT:

ADMINISTRATIVE
PERSONNEL PRESENT: Mike Sullinger, Interim City Manager
Allen Lawrence, City Attorney
Ada Owens, City Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE
PERSONNEL ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Darrell Jones, Police Chief
Paul Alvarado, Public Works Director
Frank Truitt, City Inspector
Rickie Kilgore, Fire Chief

OTHERS PRESENT: Lu & Ralph Arcemont, Michael Cary/Aransas Pass Progress, Ed LaPointe, Rosemary Vega/Chamber of Commerce, Jack & Sally Edsill, Hope Comingore, Marilyn Rimer/Herald Newspaper, Marysue Eulitz, Brenda Burr/Aransas Pass Progress, Earl Buckmaster, Kerry A. Riley/Herald Newspaper, Kris Spears, Ann P. Melton, Harold Hees, Martin Smart, Nancy Allen

There may have been others present who did not sign in.

ITEM 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on July 20, 2009.

ITEM 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG.

Council Member Abrego gave the invocation. Mayor Knight led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

ITEM 3. CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 6, 2009.

Council Member Mayer made the motion to approve the minutes of July 6, 2009. Council Member Abrego seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2009-3959 – A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO PLACE A RV ON LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK 214, 303 S. 12TH STREET, ARANSAS PASS. THE PROPERTY IS ZONED R-7A.

Mayor Pro Tempore Attaway made the motion to approve Ordinance 2009-3959. Council Member Abrego seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 5. CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPOINTMENTS TO THE ARANSAS PASS MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.

Mayor Pro Tempore Attaway made the motion to reappoint Hope Comingore, Vickie Abrego, Karen Gayle and Terry Stansberry to the Aransas Pass Municipal Development District. Council Member Mayer seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 6. CONSIDER AND ACT ON AWARDING A BID FOR THE CITY OF ARANSAS PASS' OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER.

Council Member Hyatt made the motion to table Item 6 because he thought the bids were confusing and could not be compared as submitted. After discussion regarding re-advertising for bids, Mayor Pro Tempore Attaway seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 7. PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST OF EDWARD LAPOINT TO REZONE LANDBLOCK 72, FARMLOTS 8 THRU 9, 138 GILLESPIE AVENUE, FROM GENERAL BUSINESS TO RV PARK. THE PROPERTY IS ZONED (GB) GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.

City Attorney Allen Lawrence opened the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m. on the request of Edward LaPoint to rezone Landblock 72, Farmlots 8 and 9, 138 Gillespie Avenue, from General Business to RV Park. He stated all notices were given and the Planning and Zoning Commission had previously met on the request and recommended City Council's approval. He asked Mr. LaPointe to come forward to speak for his request.

Edward LaPointe stated he wanted to build a nice RV park with larger spaces, trees and a pool. He stated he had moved the Gillespie Lane entrance to Demory Lane after residents voiced their concerns regarding traffic on Gillespie Lane. He stated all streets would be concrete and the lots oversized.

Discussion was held on potential problems with school traffic and location of the property.

Mr. LaPointe stated he would have 100 spaces initially, then 50 more spaces afterward. He stated he would start building in two months, after the Council's approval. He stated he would not allow outbuildings on the spaces and would cater mostly to tourists.

Interim City Manager Mike Sullinger spoke for the request and the integrity of Mr. LaPointe's projects.

The City Attorney asked was there anyone present who opposed the request? Seeing no one he closed the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m.

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Council Member Abrego made the motion to approve the request of Edward LaPoint to rezone Landblock 72, Farmlots 8 and 9, 138 Gillespie Avenue, from General Business to RV Park. Council Member Hyatt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 9. PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST OF JACK EDSILL FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO HOST A FARMERS MARKET/TRADERS DAY THE 2ND AND 4TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. LOTS 8 THRU 16, BLOCK 512, 130 W GOODNIGHT AVENUE, ARANSAS PASS TEXAS, SAN PATRICIO COUNTY. THE PROPERTY IS ZONED (GB) GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.

Mr. Lawrence opened the Public Hearing on the request of Jack Edsill for a Conditional Use Permit to host a Farmers Market/Traders Day the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lots 8 thru 16, Block 512, 130 W Goodnight Avenue. The property is zoned General Business District. He stated all public notices had been sent and the Planning and Zoning Commission previously met on the request and recommended City Council's approval for a six-month Conditional Use Permit with an option to renew. He asked Mr. Edsill to come forward to speak for his request.

Jack Edsill stated a Farmers Market would be worthwhile for the City of Aransas Pass and, hopefully, vitalize downtown. He stated the Market would be on Chamber of Commerce property and he would have liability insurance that would cover the Chamber and himself. He stated the Chamber approved his use of the property and the Chamber and Coldwell Bankers (Real Estate) would provide restrooms.

On questions from Council Member Mayer, Mr. Edsill stated he would purchase the liability insurance after Council's approval of his request; he would not charge for the booths in the beginning; and would charge booth space to cover costs.

Mr. Lawrence asked where would the revenue go?

Mr. Edsill stated the revenue would go to benefits and to pay expenses.

Council Member Mayer asked had Mr. Edsill contacted any vendors?

Mr. Edsill stated he had talked to a lot of vendors, people that would like to market their goods and people at the Fulton Farmer's Market. He stated it would not be a flea market or garage sale. He stated he would allow arts and crafts and maybe a pet adoption booth, but no explosives, firecrackers, or alcohol would be allowed on the premises.

